

that is hindering small business and each removing obstacles to domestic energy production, are stuck in the Senate, awaiting action from the Democratic leadership. Mr. Speaker, the President is right—we can't wait.

We can't wait for the President and the Democrats to join us in eliminating excessive government regulations, stopping Washington from spending money it doesn't have, and fixing the Tax Code for families and job creators.

We can't wait for the Obama administration to end the continual delays to job-creating domestic energy production.

We can't wait for Senate Democrats to approve more than a dozen House-passed jobs bills.

Americans who want to get back to work shouldn't have to wait any longer for Washington to get out of the way. It's time for President Obama and Senate Democrats to put aside politics and work with the House on these common-sense ideas.

We simply can't wait.

DR. HERBERT HAUPTMAN

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Dr. Herbert Hauptman, a distinguished member of our western New York community.

Dr. Hauptman came to Buffalo in 1970 to work for the Medical Foundation. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1985 in his work determining the molecular structures of crystallized materials. His studies in this area provided a new way to look at chemistry that benefits science and society today.

After earning the Nobel Prize, the Medical Foundation was renamed in his honor. Today, the lobby of the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute showcases the crystallized molecular structures Hauptman introduced to the world. They will stand as a lasting testimony to his work. Herbert Hauptman's contributions helped lay the groundwork for the thriving and growing medical research community in Buffalo in western New York.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a scholar whose impact was felt far beyond academia.

PICK A HORSE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House in a bipartisan way passed five energy bills months ago. These bills will create American energy jobs right here in America. These bills would allow more energy development in the Gulf of Mexico, in Virginia and in Alaska. One bill requires the administration to make a decision about the Keystone XL Pipeline, which would put more citizens to work.

So what's the delay?

These five bipartisan bills are languishing in the Senate with no vote in sight. It's not that the Senate has voted these jobs bills down. The Senate just won't vote.

To my friends down the hallway in the Senate, how about voting on these bills? Doing nothing doesn't create energy or jobs. Doing nothing maintains unemployment and shows an inability to make a decision.

It's time for the Senate to pick a horse and ride it. But pick something. Get in the race. Being a spectator is not an option. The American people need the jobs, and we need the energy. We just can't wait.

And that's just the way it is.

FRACTURE-CRITICAL BRIDGES AND THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Our Nation is facing a crisis with respect to public safety. Over 1,100 bridges in New York State alone, my State, are considered fracture-critical. Fracture-critical bridges could collapse if a single one of their key support functions fails, and there are 82 such bridges in my district alone. Every day, 21 million cars in my State cross structurally deficient bridges, creating an intolerable situation.

As the former county clerk, responsible for putting vehicles and people on the roads, this is personal to me. I feel compelled to fight for money from Washington to fix our bridges and our roads and bring them up to par.

There is a solution, Mr. Speaker, and that is the American Jobs Act, which includes money for critically necessary infrastructure to repair these bridges so our driving public can travel safely. Therefore, I urge all my colleagues to support me in supporting the American Jobs Act and in getting our country back to work while making the public safer.

ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS TO CREATE JOBS

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Last week, I had the privilege of meeting with job creators and workers from all across Illinois' 10th Congressional District. As I listened to the different barriers they were facing and the ideas they had to bring jobs to the region, I was encouraged.

Together, we can and must find common ground on legislation that allows small business owners to create jobs.

I was pleased to join with Lake County Partners last week and announce the creation of a new economic innovation zone in north Chicago. This com-

munity is experiencing extremely high unemployment, and the creation of this economic innovation zone will bring the community together so that we can work collaboratively to find ways to reinvest in the area and create new opportunities for workers.

I was also able to work with local leaders from the city of Waukegan to find a way to move forward on the repairs that are needed so desperately in Waukegan Harbor. We must move forward to delist this as an area of a concern for the U.S. EPA. This harbor is key to bringing business and to bolstering the economy for the surrounding communities.

When we work to preserve our precious resources like the harbor, we will be able to encourage businesses to expand and create additional jobs here at home.

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THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES

(Ms. BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Florida. God bless America.

Today I would like to give a special thanks to the many branches of government for their service, military, but particularly to the Marines.

And today the Montford Point Marines are visiting with us in the Capitol. And many years before Jackie Robinson and decades before Rosa Parks, these heroes joined the Marines to defend their country and do their jobs. I applaud them for their commitment.

Tomorrow, the House will debate and vote to send this resolution to the Senate in time for the Marines' 236th birthday on November 10. When the commandant and I discussed what do you do when failure is not an option, we agreed, you get it done. We will pass this bill in the House.

I want to thank all of my colleagues. You can still sign on to the bill. You have until the end of tomorrow. You want to be a part of making history.

I want to once again thank the Montford Point Marines for their service, and God bless America.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY IN LEE COUNTY

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I rise today with concern, concern about an incident that occurred at the United States penitentiary in Lee County, Virginia, in the Ninth District.

This incident occurred Friday night, and the only good news is no one was killed. Aaron Delph, an officer there, was assaulted by an inmate who was carrying a shiv. He was able, in the

conflict, to kick off a phone which sent out a silent alarm. He was responded to. That alarm was responded to by Shawn Jones, who was also injured in the assault.

Both of these men behaved properly and acted bravely. What did they have to defend themselves with? Nothing, absolutely nothing, because our regulations and rules do not allow them to have pepper spray or a telescoping wand, baton, to defend themselves with.

H.R. 1175, introduced by Congressman CARDOZA, would at least get us a pilot project which would allow us to take care of this program. I ask that we pass this.

HEAD START

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about something happy, and that is the Happy/Sad Pillow that is made by the parents of AVANCE in my district. With this toy, parents can teach numbers, cause and effect, colors, emotions, motor skills, social skills, and textures.

I was fortunate enough to be with them today. They have a very healthy Head Start program, but we were able to give them \$8 million in stimulus to help their infrastructure to build new buildings, and then a \$3.2 million grant for a healthy marriage that helps grandparents and single parents to be able to raise up our children that are preschool.

It is noted that the children that go through this program test with higher scores than those who have not and do much better in the public school system. It also evidences that the government can be a partnership, a private-public partnership, to make America great.

We can create jobs. We can improve the education. We can lay out a pathway for our children. There is nothing wrong with the government being productive and forceful and working on behalf of the American people.

So to the Congress here, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, let's work together.

DR. ANIMESH SINHA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to congratulate the 2011 U.N. International Volunteer Award recipient, Dr. Animesh Sinha, who is a native of Irmo, South Carolina. Dr. Sinha is a general practitioner in Fiji, where he is the founder and medical director of the PRISM Health Initiative. PRISM provides medical care and access to the most underserved populations of Fiji.

By providing its own tables, chairs, water gallons, medical equipment, and free medication, PRISM makes a difference. Due to Dr. Sinha's leadership, 200 to 400 patients per week are being treated in the most remote communities of Fiji.

Congratulations also to my lifelong friends, his parents, Dr. Kausal Sinha and his wife, Arunima, who are revered community leaders of the Midstate of South Carolina. Indian Americans are making a difference around the globe, encouraged by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CBC HOUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I expect to be joined by several of my colleagues in a few minutes, but let me begin. We are pleased, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Democratic leader for again allowing the Congressional Black Caucus to control this hour of Special Orders.

And here we are again, Mr. Speaker, 10 months into this Congress and not one job-creating bill has been brought to the floor. I know that the people in my district are suffering, as are constituents in all of our districts, and we need to do something significant to help them, not next year, but now.

As a physician, it amazes me that it's even affecting people's health. It's increasing violence and crime in some of the hardest-hit communities. When we were here a few weeks ago, I was remarking on an article that showed how the mortgage crisis was affecting people's health adversely. But, of course, joblessness is.

People don't have insurance. They don't have money to buy their medication. They are putting off needed health care to try to save money for other things to provide a roof over their family's heads and food on the table for their families. And so this long-term unemployment is affecting people's health, and it's especially hard in those communities that have been distressed for long periods of time, even before this recession. With no movement from the leadership in this body to even just bring the American Jobs Act to the floor where we can debate it and have it voted on, the people are really beginning to lose hope.

To the extent that some have not yet lost hope, I think it's because they see President Obama and this Congressional Black Caucus, as well as the Occupy Wall Street and occupy all of the other places where those demonstrations are being held and the Reclaim the Dream movement all working relentlessly on their behalf.

Today the President is rolling out his new proposals to address the crisis, the crisis that began this recession in the first place, the mortgage crisis. I understand the theme is "We can't wait." And we can't wait here in this House either because the American people have been waiting on us for help, and they can't and should not have to wait any longer.

I hope that my colleagues across the aisle would also add a strong dose of compassion to their passion for reducing the deficit. In fact, at this time, in addition to compassion, setting politics aside and doing what's best for the economy and our country is what needs to take precedence.

And it is not cuts. It's not repealing the health care reform bill, the Affordable Care Act. It's not stopping regulations that protect the health and wealth of the people in this country. It's not destroying the safety nets that enable the poor to survive and then provide them with a chance to lift them and their families out of poverty.

Not just Democrats, we should all be ashamed that so much of this country's wealth is concentrated in the top 1 percent while our fellow Americans, including millions of children, are going homeless and hungry.

I want to focus for a moment on health care jobs, especially since the Affordable Care Act, a job creator, is on the Republican chopping block. If it were repealed, it would not only set health care back, but it would place a heavy burden on an already hard-hit economy. Already we know that the health care sector is the only one where jobs are being created; and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, over the next decade, the 30 fastest-growing jobs, 17 of them, more than half of them, will be health-care related.

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They also report that during the recession, while most industries lost jobs, health care added over 600,000 jobs. With an anticipated coverage of over 30 million new individuals, it isn't rocket science to see how the Affordable Care Act doesn't kill jobs but will be the sector to bring this economy back to life. The provisions in that act are projected to create more than 4 million jobs over the next 10 years.

What we need to be doing now is what the President has called for, improving math and science in our schools, and then we should be providing education and training for those jobs on all levels, from the community health workers to doctors, nurses, and allied health, to the most technical jobs in research and technology. And many of those jobs are available right now. They will just increase over the next 10 years.

I want to read from "Health Care Employment Set to Explode," which was published in FierceHealthcare on October 20 of this year. It reads: Amid health care reform changes to promote